

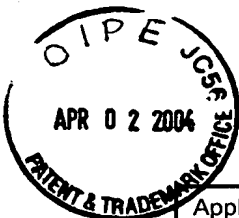


Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	09/481,153-Conf. #5245	
	Filing Date	January 12, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	Rodney H. Masters	
	Art Unit	3637	
	Examiner Name	W. S. Yip	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	8	Attorney Docket Number	HO-P01506US2

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): Postcard Certificate of Express Mailing
Remarks Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment		RECEIVED APR 0 8 2004 GROUP 3600

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P. Jan K. Simpson
Signature	
Date	April 2, 2004



Application No. (if known): 09/481,153

Attorney Docket No.: HO-P01506US2

Certificate of Express Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. ER 509323143 US in an envelope addressed to:

MS Non-Fee Amendmednt
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on April 2, 2004
Date

RECEIVED
APR 08 2004
GROUP 3600


Signature

Neva M. Dare
Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Postcard
Transmittal
Response to Notice of Non-Compliance Amendment



4-5-04

3637

Docket No.: HO-P01506US2
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Rodney H. Masters et al.

Confirmation No.: 5245

Application No.: 09/481,153

Art Unit: 3637

Filed: January 12, 2000

Examiner: W. S. Yip

For: SYSTEM FOR SECURING COMPOSITE
GRATINGS TO STRUCTURAL MEMBERS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE AMENDMENT

MS Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

APR 08 2004

GROUP 3600

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the communication mailed March 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.